



# DISTRICT ONE

## ONE DISTRICT - ONE COMMUNITY

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### COMMISSIONER BARBARA JORDAN HONORS TEENAGER FOR SAVING BABY FROM BURNING HOME

On Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan together with the Board of County Commissioners honored Ramon Butler for his selfless act of valor as he fought through flames and thick smoke to save a one-year-old child and to assist police officers with the rescue of a five-month old baby from a burning house. In addition to Ramon having received the Silver Medal of Valor, the highest civilian honor by the Miami-Dade Police Department, Commissioner Jordan presented him with a commendation and a Savings Bond check in the amount of \$1,000.00.

"Ramon should be praised and admired for his invaluable aid in saving the lives of the Walker children", said Commissioner Jordan. "This savings bond is only a small token to show my personal appreciation and gratitude for this young man's courage and willingness to help those in need".

Police officer Corey Jones, also received a commendation from Commissioner Jordan for his heroic deed and disregard for his own personal safety to save the life of a five month-old baby.



Ramon Butler, left, receives a \$1,000.00 check for his courage in saving a baby from a burning home from Commissioner Jordan. Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Vanessa Wilcox, Butler's mother (right) joined in the presentation.

### DISTRICT ONE SMALL BUSINESS MOM & POP GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Neighbors & Neighbors Association (NANA) announce the Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program Application for Businesses located in the District Office.

Miami-Dade County Commissioners voted to make the Mom & Pop Small Business Grant Program (MPSBGP) a countywide program in September 2003.

County Commissioners recently approved a total of 1.3 million dollars for distribution to qualified small businesses for the second year in a row. Each district has received \$100,000.00.

Applications are available at the following locations:

Commissioner Jordan's District Office: 111 N.W. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 425 – Miami, Florida 33169. Contact: Sara J. Cason (305) 770-3115 or

NANA: 180 N.W. 62<sup>nd</sup> Street – Miami, Florida 33142. Contact: Lawanza Finney (305) 456-1537.

The Mom & Pop Workshop is scheduled for February 16, 2005 at 6:00pm, at the North Dade Regional Library, located at 2455 N.W. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street Miami, Florida 33055.

Applications must be returned to the District Office or NANA by 5:00pm, Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005. For additional information, contact the District or NANA.

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## MIAMI GARDENS

### Jordan calls on public to be heard

**Newly elected County Commissioner Barbara Jordan held her first of what will be periodic forums for her constituents.**

**County directors were on hand to answer questions.**

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County directors didn't give away their direct phone numbers, but the more than 200 area residents at the North Dade Regional Library got something comparable: an office number.

It was newly elected County Commissioner Barbara Jordan's first public forum since she was elected in November, and the phone numbers, it seemed, were part of a gesture to make sure that many of the District 1 residents -- the self-proclaimed "stepchildren" of Miami-Dade for some -- get their voices heard.

And so Jordan brought in representatives who ranged from the Florida's Turnpike Authority to county directors for the Transit Authority and Solid Waste to answer questions about pressing projects that will affect the Opa-locka, Miami Gardens, and North Central Dade areas.

Jordan, a former assistant county manager, said she opted to start out her tenure with issues that "are of the upmost importance to our community." These are: the Golden Glades Toll Plaza Relocation Project, the Metrorail North Corridor Expansion, the Solid Waste Automated Waste Collection System, Team Metro, and grants for small businesses.

Residents in the audience wanted to know if the Golden Glades Sound Wall and Toll Plaza Replacement projects would create jobs for local residents or displace them. The project aims to resolve congestion, vehicle merging and attendant safety in Miami Gardens.

Officials told residents the contract was given as part of a competitive bid, and that they didn't have any say in the hiring process.

"The people need to be a part of the process, especially for job opportunities," Jordan said to applause. "After all, it's our community that's going to be impacted."

on the agenda was talk on the Metrorail North Corridor Expansion: Was it really coming after many delays?

"It is coming," Miami-Dade Transit Authority Director Roosevelt Bradley told the audience.

The project is scheduled to open 2012 and is expected to create 3,000 jobs, Bradley said. Most of the work will be in construction. A recurring theme for the evening was ensuring local people get hired.

Jordan urged audience members to help her office identify every "contractor, every carpenter, every mason" so there's no excuse for them not getting jobs. If they aren't certified or licensed, she said, they should become so.

Should inquirers come looking for local hires, the database-held info will be handy. "Here's a list of people you may want to hire, Jordan said."

As part of another new initiative, Jordan and Leroy Jones, executive director of Neighbors and Neighbors Association, announced they were accepting applications for their Mom & Pop Small Business Program. Winners will receive \$10,000 per small business. "We'll either say 'congratulations' or, 'sorry, see you next year,'" Jones said.

Applications will be accepted from Thursday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Feb. 18 and must be submitted to Jordan's district office, 111 NW 183rd St., Suite 425, Miami Gardens, FL 33169 or NANA, 180 NW 62nd St., Miami, FL 33150. Late applications will not be accepted.

The money is expected to be used for computers, inventory and renovations.

Jordan closed the session by advising residents to take part in community events, and she also brought up the topic of phone numbers: She told audience members that her staff member will return calls no later than 48 hours.

"If that doesn't happen, I want to know," she said. "We need to make sure *you* hold us accountable."



Joining Commissioner Jordan (middle) at District One's first Community Forum are, from left: Kent Rice, Regional Planning Administrator for Florida Turnpike Enterprise; Mike Van Der Heyden, Project Manager of Golden Glades Toll Plaza Relocation Project; Roosevelt Bradley, Miami-Dade Transit Authority Director; and Kathleen Woods-Richardson, Solid Waste Department Director

## Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan Explores Economic Development Issues at Opa-locka Airport

(January 6, 2005 Miami, Florida) - Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan of District One got an up close and personal view of Opa-locka Airport this week during a tour and briefing of that 1,800-acre site. Accompanied by County Manager George Burgess, Interim Aviation Director Carlos F. Bonzon and his senior management staff, Commissioner Jordan was enlightened on the development leases, economic potential of Opa-locka Airport, and the factors that have hampered development in the past.

"There is tremendous growth potential for Opa-locka Airport," said Commissioner Jordan. "After this briefing, I feel compelled to work with the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to gage the direction in which they want take in developing that site.

"I must also work with the surrounding communities to strike a delicate balance to ensure that Opa-locka Airport is self sustaining financially and meets the needs of the cities of Miami Gardens, Opa-locka, North Palm Springs, Hialeah, and Miami Lakes."

Opa-locka Airport was established in 1927 as a private airport by Glenn H. Curtiss. In 1967, it was the busiest airport in the world. In 2003, Opa-locka Airport had 145,000 flight operations, and 140,100 flight operations in 2004.

"We've got to exercise all of our options to make Opa-locka an economically viable area," said Commissioner Jordan. "I'm looking forward to working with all of the parties involved to make that happen."



County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan touring Opa-Locka Airport accompanied by County Manager, George Burgess, left and Interim Aviation Director Carlos Bonzon

## Commissioner Jordan Votes for New Wal-Mart Store in Miami Gardens That Will Bring New Jobs, Tax Revenue to City

With more than 100 supporters from the Miami Gardens community in attendance at today's Miami-Dade County Commission Zoning Hearing, the Board of County Commissioners, spearheaded by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, approved a zoning application that allows for the development of a Wal-Mart Superstore at the southeast corner of N.W. 27th Avenue and 199th Street within the boundaries of the City of Miami Gardens. Before casting her vote for the application, Commissioner Jordan ensured that one of the application's existing agreements - 80 percent of the store's full-time employees must be residents of Miami Gardens - was secured and would not be affected by any attempts by Wal-Mart to receive job tax credit incentives from the State.

Wal-Mart representative Ron Book assured Commissioner Jordan that the store would forgo any opportunities to seek any such tax relief in order to make certain that the employment ratio would remain intact. Wal-Mart agreed not to pursue any waivers or abatements of property taxes that would be due to the newly incorporated city and the County. Commissioner Jordan also ensured that aesthetic improvements would be made to the median on 27th Avenue in front of the future Wal-Mart location. Commissioner Jordan had all three agreements written into the application's official record.

"I am supporting this application due to the tremendous economic development and employment opportunities that a Wal-Mart would bring to the City of Miami Gardens," said Commissioner Jordan. "Despite what some people in the community may believe, the Metrorail North Corridor will be a reality and coupled with the Wal-Mart project will further spur economic development along 27th Avenue and in Miami Gardens."

The North Corridor extension of the Metrorail is planned to run along N.W. 27th Avenue from the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Metrorail Station (N.W. 62nd Street) to N.W. 215th Street (the Miami-Dade/Broward county line), and has an estimated completion date of the year 2012.

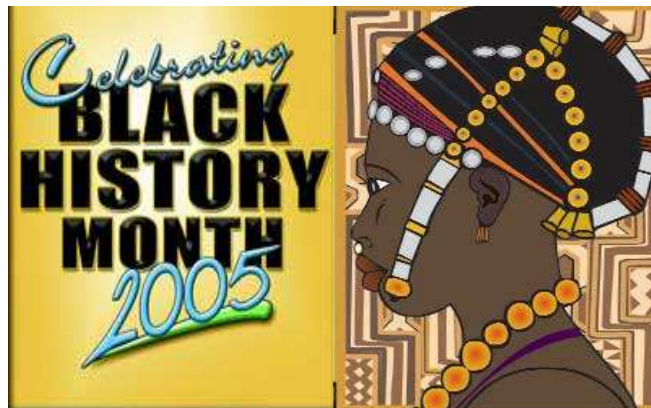
## District One Government on the Go Schedule for February 2005

During the month of February the Government on the Go bus will bring staff from the Property Appraisers Department to specific locations in the County to assist new property owners in filing for their homestead exemption. Even though the Go bus operates until 4:30 pm or 5:00 pm accordingly, the Property Appraisers staff will only be on board until 3:00 pm. Anywhere the Go bus goes, you will be able to apply for your U.S. passport, explore the County web and find out about job opportunities, County programs, purchase your Baby Stroller Parking Permits, your dog license tags, your Transit items, or, if you are 65 years of age, you can apply for the Golden Passport.

Here is the travel route for District One for the month of February 2005:

<b>Monday, February 7</b>	<b>Miami Gardens Police Station</b>
8:30 am - 4:30 pm	18805 NW 27 Avenue, Miami Gardens





## Black History Month Events

During February, a variety of events have been scheduled to celebrate Black History Month.

Activities at Miami-Dade County Libraries include [special family events](#), [exhibitions](#), and a [teen essay and poetry contest](#). See their [Black History Month calendar](#) for full details.

Miami-Dade Transit's award-winning [Black History Tours](#) feature sites that once reflected the prosperity and independence of Miami's Black community. For more information on the tours, call Miami-Dade Transit Monday through Friday at 305-884-7567. Or to schedule a tour, call 305-654-6545, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Black Heritage Planning Committee, a subcommittee of the Miami-Dade County Black Affairs Advisory Board, invites you to celebrate a variety of informative and exciting events that showcase the rich cultural heritage contained within the African Diaspora, with the Black History Month Theme: "The Niagara Movement: Black Protests Reborn - 1905-2005".

### February 1-28, 2005

Lobby Display "African American Time Line:  
A month-long historical look at African American History and the contributions of the Black World Community"  
Presented by Kinad, Inc.  
Stephen P. Clark Center 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL

### Feb thru October 2005

"Figuratively Speaking: Selections from the Permanent Collection."  
An exhibit at the Miami Art Museum, which features many Black prominent artists. Among them are: Romare Bearden, Tomás Esson, Pepón Osorio, Carrie Mae Weems, Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, Edouard Duval-Carrié, Alfred Jaar, Wangechi Mutu, Alison Saar, Andres Serrano and Lorna Simpson

### Wednesday, February 2, 2005

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Black History Month Kickoff  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 NW 1st Street  
East Atrium  
Featuring music, poetry and dance

### Saturday, February 12, 2005

"Old School Valentine's Evening Cruise"  
7:45 p.m. - 12:45 a.m.  
Ft. Lauderdale  
\*Ticketed event: \$30 per person/\$55 per pair  
(305) 375-4606 for information & tickets

### Friday, February 18, 2005

Annual Black History Extravaganza & Fashion Show  
Joseph Caleb Center  
5400 NW 22nd Avenue  
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Featuring Miami-Dade County employees modeling beautiful African-inspired fashions, music, food and dance.

### Wednesday, February 23, 2005

"Gospelfest"  
Stephen P. Clark Center - 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Featuring the WASD Ensemble, and Liturgical signing by Regina Mizell  
Closeout for Black History Month

A copy of the [Black History Month](#) flyer can be downloaded from the Black Affairs website.  
For further information call (305) 375-4606.

**The Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department** is sponsoring a special exhibition and a storytelling:

### February 1 Thru February 17

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday.  
"Selections from the Collection of the Black Heritage Museum"  
This exhibition features work from West Africa and include rare Nok statuary from Nigeria dated from 500 BC - 200 AD.  
[African Heritage Cultural Arts Center](#)  
2166 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Miami  
305-638-6771

### February 5 at 1 p.m.

"Storytelling"  
The Deering Estate hosts children's [storyteller Madafo](#) for a celebration of Black History Month.  
Free with park admission:  
\$7 adults; \$5 children.  
Deering Estate at Cutler 16701 SW 72 Ave. Miami  
305-235-1668, ext. 233

